

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

1. (amended) A sidewall assembly for a transporting vehicle comprising
at least one outer flat side sheet having an inner surface wall extending along a longitudinal axis,
a plurality of vertical side posts being affixed to said at least one outer side sheet in spaced relationship along said inner surface wall, said side posts having a flat inner wall lying in spaced relationship to said inner surface wall of said at least one side sheet,
said side posts further having a pair of bent edge sections lying on opposite vertical sides of said flat inner wall, said bent edge segments projecting from said flat inner wall toward said at least one said side sheet and, said bent edge sections having an edge terminating in spaced relationship to said inner surface.
a plurality of liners respectively extending between adjacent side posts, said liners having a flat central portion forming a generally flat interior face, and
said liners having vertical side portions extending on opposite vertical sides of said central portion respectively for interconnecting with said bent edge portions of said side posts and vertical side portions respectively extending beyond said end to cover at least a portion of said bent edge sections.
2. (amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein a surface of said flat central portion of said liners confronts said inner surface wall of said at least one side sheet and lies in spaced relationship to said at least one side sheet.

3. (original) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said inner wall of said side posts is formed by an intermediate generally hat-shaped section of said side posts.

4. (amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 3 wherein said hat-shaped section includes a pair of lateral sections ~~segments~~ integrally joined in perpendicular relationship on opposite vertical sides of said inner surface wall of said at least one side sheet.

5. (amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 4 wherein said bent edge sections segments of said side posts are respectively formed by generally edge hat-shaped sections partially including said bent edge sections ~~segments~~.

6. (amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 5 wherein said edge hat-shaped sections include a base wall lying in generally flush relationship with said inner surface ~~wall~~ of said at least one side sheet.

7. (amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 6 further comprising a plurality of mechanical fasteners extending through said base wall of each of said side posts and said at least one ~~on~~ side sheet of each said side posts.

8. (cancelled)

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 1 ~~14~~ wherein the edge of said bent edge section ~~portion~~ of said side posts contacts the vertical portion of said liner.

15 (cancelled)

16 (amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 6 ~~15~~ wherein said opposite edge side portions ~~section~~ of said liner lie in spaced relationship respectively to said base wall of said edge hat-shaped sections of said side posts, said opposite edge sections of said liners respectively having at least one projection ~~protuberance~~ having an end extending in contact with said base surface.

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19 (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21.(amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 16 ~~18~~ further including at least one protuberance extending between said central portion of said liner and said inner surface of said at least one side sheet.

22 (amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 16 ~~18~~ further including foam means being positioned between said central portion of said liner and said inner surface of said at least one side sheet.

23. (cancelled)

24 (amended) The sidewall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said flat inner wall of said side post forms an inner face lying in the same vertical plane as said flat interior face of said liner.

25 (amended) A side wall assembly for a vehicle having an outer side wall comprising

side post means extending vertically along an inner surface of the outer side wall ~~sheet~~ in connected relationship,

said side post means includes opposite edge sections extending in spaced relation to said inner surface,

a plurality of liners having a central wall forming an interior face and having side portions engaging said side post means for securement, and

at least a part of side portions extending over said edge sections ~~being offset from said central wall.~~

26-31. (cancelled)

32 (amended) The side wall assembly according to Claim 25 ~~31~~ further including a protuberance arranged to extend from said central wall in contact with the side sheet.

33. (amended) The side wall assembly according to Claim 25 ~~31~~ a foam material is positioned between said central wall and said inner surface.

35-38. (cancelled)

39. (new) The side wall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said opposed side portions extend to said central portion.

40. (new) The side wall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein each of said side portions have a projection engaging said edge.

41 (new) The side wall assembly according to Claim 40 wherein projection forms a slot for necessary said edge.

42. (new) The side wall assembly according to claim 40 wherein said liners each include a cut-out area adjacent to said projection.

43. (new) The side wall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said side portions each include an edge portion having a projection engaging said edge section.

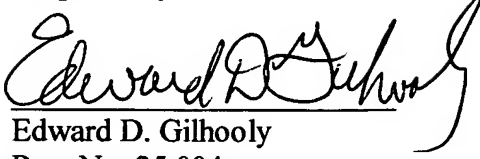
44. (new) The side wall assembly according to Claim 25 wherein said edge sections include an end spaced from said inner surface, said edge portions include respective projections engaging said end of said edge sections.

45. (new) The side wall assembly to Claim 44 wherein said part of said side portions include an end projection contacting said edge sections.

46. (new) The side wall assembly according to Claim 25 wherein said side post means forms an interior surface, said interior surface being coplanar with said interior face.

47. (new) The side wall assembly according to Claim 46 wherein said side portions form coplanar extensions of said interior surface.

Respectfully submitted

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